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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CORE GROUP MEETING JULY 8

REF: (A) STATE 168648 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 2760; (C) USUN 2664;
(D) USUN 2865 (NOTAL); (E) USUN 2797 (NOTAL); (F) STATE 098185

1. SUMMARY: CORE GROUP WITH ALL MEMBERS REPRESENTED MET AT WORKING-LEVEL AT FRG MISSION MORNING JULY 8. CORE GROUP EXCHANGED HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS ON DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION FOR USE IN SEEKING PRIORITY, BUT MADE NO FURTHER REFINEMENTS. REPRESENTATIVES ALSO REPORTED THEIR CAPITALS' REACTION TO U.S. DECISION TO TAKE POLITICAL INITIATIVE IN FORM OF PUBLIC RESTATEMENT OF OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 PROPOSAL (REF B, PARA 3). U.S. DREW ON REF (A) IN COMMENTING ON DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND NEED FOR CONTINUED LOBBYING IN OUR CAMPAIGN TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. ON SHAPE OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AT 31ST UNGA, JAPAN REPORTED THAT

IRAN WAS ASIAN GROUP'S CANDIDATE FOR V COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP.(KUWAIT

HAD BEEN CONSIDERED PROBABLE ASIAN GROUP CANDIDATE EARLIER.)
SCHEDULING OF NEXT CORE GROUP MEETING WAS LEFT OPEN. END SUMMARY.

2. EXTENDED DISCUSSION OF TEXT OF DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION FOR USE IN SEEKING PRIORITY RESULTED IN NO FURTHER REFINEMENTS. DRAWING ON REF (A) U.S. STATED THAT RESOLUTION AS IT STOOD (REFS (B) AND (C)) CONTAINED WHAT WE REGARDED AS ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION AND WE BELIEVED IT TO BE A SUITABLE WORKING DRAFT. WE ADDED THAT AS MATTERS DEVELOPED WE MIGHT HAVE SOME LANGUAGE CHANGES TO SUGGEST LATER. DRAWING FURTHER ON REF (A), WE CONTINUED THAT WASHINGTON CONSIDERED FORMULATION OF TWO FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS, ONE FOR GAINING PRIORITY AND ONE FOR RESPONDING TO A HOSTILE SUBMISSION TO BE UNNECESSARY. ANY RESOLUTION WE PUT FORWARD WOULD CONTAIN AS A MINIMUM FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS:

(A) CALL ON SOUTH AND NORTH TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT,

(B) URGE RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE,

(C) CALL FOR ARRANGEMENTS AGREED TO BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED
IN PLACE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND
SECURITY OF KOREA.

3. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THIS PROPOSITION. ADDITIONALLY, NEW ZEALAND COMMENTED THAT IN ANY EVENT A RESOLUTION COUNTERING A HOSTILE ONE WOULD WANT IN PART TO RESPOND TO THE HOSTILE TEXT WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE. ADDITIONALLY, DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE OF ACERBITY DESIRED, A FRIENDLY RESOLUTION RESPONDING TO A HOSTILE ONE MIGHT WELL TAKE ISSUE, FOR INSTANCE, WITH THE NORTH'S EXTENDED INTRANSIGENCE OR, WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN TROOP REMOVAL OF NEGOTIATION, THE NORTH'S EVIDENT DISREGARD FOR THE SOUTH'S SOVEREIGNTY.

4. DRAWING AGAIN ON REF (A) U.S. CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS
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IMPORTANT THAT CORE GROUP CONTINUE LOBBYING AGAINST CONFRONTATION. WE ADDED THAT FUNDAMENTAL POINTS CORE GROUP HAS BEEN MAKING IN APPROACHES TO NONALIGNED (REF F) HAVE INCLUDED KEY POINTS IN FRIENDLY DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION AS FOR INSTANCE NEED FOR RESTRAINT AND NEED FOR DIALOGUE. U.S. EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF APPROACHING NORDICS AND ASEAN'S AGAIN TO LEARN IF THEY LIKELY BE HELPFUL IN AVOIDING FURTHER STERILE UNGA DEBATE. ADDITIONALLY, U.S. SAID IT CONTINUED TO BE MOST IMPORTANT TO GET VIEWS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED WITH NORTH KOREAN POSITION. GOV SCRANTON FOR EXAMPLE DURING AFRICAN TRIP TALKED TO LEADERS IN TANZANIA AND SENEGAL ABOUT KOREA. HE EXPECTED TO BE MEETING YUGOSLAVS

IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. IN TANZANIA, SCRANTON FOUND NYERER UNDER-

STANDING OF NEED FOR SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, BUT DID NOT FORESEE ANY OF THE LEADERS HE MET IN AFRICA ASSUMING MUCH LEADERSHIP ON KOREA. IN SENEGAL, SENGHOR WAS A FIRM ADMIRER OF KIM IL-SUNG.

5. CORE GROUP AGREED ON NEED FOR CONTINUED LOBBYING AND SOUNDING. NETHERLANDS COMMENTED THAT DURING RECENT VISIT TO NETHERLANDS MISSION, MEMBER OF NORTH KOREA'S OBSERVER OFFICE HAD SAID THAT NORTH KOREANS WERE WATCHING U.S. MOVES CLOSELY AND THAT NORTH KOREAN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH UNGA WOULD RELATE TO THOSE OF U.S. OTHER MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP SAID THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO RELATE LOBBYING AND SOUNDING EFFORTS TO FORTHCOMING U.S. POLITICAL INITIATIVE.

6. WHEN ROK CHAIRMAN INVITED MEMBERS TO GIVE REACTIONS FROM CAPITALS TO U.S. DECISION REGARDING POLITICAL INITIATIVE (REF (A)) FOLLOWING COMMENTS WERE MADE:

(A) NEW ZEALAND: "WELLINGTON STRONGLY OF OPINION THAT U.S. PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE MUST CONTAIN SOMETHING NEW."

(B) BELGIUM: "BRUSSELS DOES NOT SEE HOW PROPOSAL CAN HAVE AN IMPACT IF WE CANNOT OFFER ANYTHING NEW. REITERATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY OTHER SIDE AS MERE EXERCISE IN PROPAGANDA."

(C) JAPAN: "TOKYO RESPECTS U.S. AND ROK POSITION." TOKYO ALSO HAD SOME "CONCRETE" IDEAS AS TO PROPOSAL: INVITATION COULD
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BEST BE EXTENDED BY U.S. ALONE; INVITATION COULD BEST BE EXTENDED IN FORM OF A LETTER; AND INVITATION MIGHT INCLUDE EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO SEE BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH MEMBER OF U.N.

(D) U.K.: "LONDON OBVIOUSLY A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT PROPOSAL CONTAINS NOTHING NEW. HOWEVER, DECISION IS FOR U.S. AND ROK AND LONDON WELCOMES DECISION TO PROCEED WITH POLITICAL INITIATIVE. IT COULD HAVE SOME EFFECT. LONDON BELIEVES IT DIFFICULT TO WORK FURTHER UNTIL WE KNOW HOW U.S. INITIATIVE WILL WORK OUT."

(E) FRG: "BONN SEES MERIT IN INITIATIVE, BUT WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN A NEW ELEMENT."

(F) NETHERLANDS: "U.S. INITIATIVE CONFORMS WITH THE HAGUE'S VIEWS." (REF (A)).

7. U.S. PROMPTED DISCUSSION ON GENERAL COMMITTEE COMPOSITION (REF (A), PARA 9C). JAPAN SAID THAT ASIAN GROUP WAS SUPPORTING IRAN'S CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF V COMMITTEE. PREVIOUSLY, KUWAIT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

V COMMITTEE (REF (E). TIME DID NOT PERMIT
FULL DISCUSSION BY CORE GROUP OF GENERAL COMMITTEE COMPOSITION. HOW-
EVER, WITH SUBSTITUTION IRAN FOR KUWAIT IN CONNECTION V COMMITTEE
CHAIRMANSHIP SITUATION ON JULY 8 WAS AS REPORTED ON JULY 7 (REF (E)):
PROJECTED VOTING BREAKDOWN IN 25-MEMBER GENERAL COMMITTEE WOULD
BE FRIENDLY 12, HOSTILE 9, ABSTENTION 1, NOT PARTICIPATING 1,
UNCERTAIN AS TO VOTE (INCLUDING PANAMA). IT SHOULD BE UNDERLINED,
HOWEVER, THAT IT IS STILL EARLY TO PREDICT COMPOSITION OF
GENERAL COMMITTEE WITH CONFIDENCE. IF, FOR INSTANCE, BOLIVIA
WERE TO BE DISPLACED FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF II COMMITTEE, LATIN
AMERICAN GROUP COULD BE AWARDED CHAIRMANSHIP OF IV COMMITTEE.
HERE A CARIBBEAN AREA COUNTRY SUCH AS GUYANA WOULD BE A STRONG
CANDIDATE. (WE GATHER PRIVATELY FROM COSTA RICAN REPRESENTATIVE
IN CORE GROUP THAT ELEMENTS WITHIN LATIN AMERICAN GROUP ARE NOT
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SUPPORTING BOLIVIA'S AMBASSADOR (AS A PERSON)
FOR II COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP EVEN THOUGH LATIN AMERICAN GROUP HAS
ENDORSED HIS CANDIDACY. HOWEVER, COSTA RICAN REPRESENTATIVE SAYS IT
IS MUCH TOO EARLY TO KNOW THE OUTCOME.
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